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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether human trafficking is on the rise especially through various airports of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported and number of persons arrested or detained from each airport during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the measures taken to check human trafficking at the airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): No specific information is available regarding human trafficking through airports of the country. However, a total number of 806, 835 and 1120 Indians were intercepted for travelling on forged travel documents during 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively. The details are as under:-

Type of forgery	2011	2012	2013
Forgery in Visa	192	141	100
Photo Substitution	83	154	125
Impersonation	31	48	76
Forgery in Passport	117	95	321
Page Substitution	20	12	53
Arrival/Departure stamp forged	30	26	16
Others	333	359	429
Total	806	835	1120

(c): The following measures have been taken by the Government to curb the human trafficking at the airports:

(i) To detect forgeries in travel documents at the airports, the immigration officers have been provided the specimen copies of the travel documents of different countries for comparison and gadgets like UV lamps, magnifying glasses, QDX machines and passport reading machines.

(ii) For protection of safety of Indian workers, regulatory mechanism under the Emigration Act and Rules have been put in place.

(iii) Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013 has also been enacted which provides for comprehensive measures to counter the menace of Human trafficking and stringent punishment thereof.

(iv) 225 Anti Human Trafficking Units have been set up in various districts of the country.